

Mock Newbery January Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or (hopefully) more books for the meeting on **Tuesday, January 7 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Warwick Public Library** (directions below). The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria

- 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,
 - a. Committee members need to consider the following:
 - Interpretation of the theme or concept
 - Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
 - Development of a plot
 - Delineation of characters
 - Delineation of setting
 - Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

- b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

Directions: From Route 95 (North or South), take exit 12A, Route 113 EAST (this is Main Avenue). Continue east past the airport until 113 ends at West Shore Road (Route 117), about 3 miles. Turn left onto 117, go about 1/4 mile to first traffic light, and turn left (odd turn – go left and then right) onto Sandy Lane. The library will be on the right, about one mile.

Avi. *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*. – discussed in October

Bauer, Joan. *Stand Tall*. – discussed in October

Bruchac, Joseph. *The Winter People*. – added for January

Byars, Betsy. *Keeper of the Doves*. – not discussed yet

Carey, Janet Lee. *Wenny Has Wings*. – discussed in December

Clements, Andrew. *Things Not Seen*. – discussed in October

Cooney, Caroline B. *Goddess of Yesterday*. – discussed in October

Coulumbis, Audrey. *Say Yes*. – not discussed yet

Farmer, Nancy. *House of the Scorpion*. – discussed in December

Gaimon, Neil. *Coraline*. – not discussed yet

Gantos, Jack. *What Would Joey Do?* – discussed in October

Giff Patricia Reilly. *Pictures of Hollis Woods*. – discussed in December

Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene*. – discussed in December

Martin, Ann. *A Corner of the Universe*. – discussed in December

Park, Linda Sue. *When My Name Was Keoko*. – discussed in October

Partridge, Elizabeth. *This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie*. – not discussed yet

Paterson, Katherine. *The Same Stuff as Stars*. – discussed in October

Peck, Robert Newton. *Horse Thief*. – discussed in December

Spinelli, Jerry. *Loser*. – discussed in October

Testa, Maria. *Becoming Joe DiMaggio*. – discussed in October

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Hush*. – discussed in December

Dropped in October

Cohn, Amy and Suzy Schmidt. *Abraham Lincoln*.

Creech, Sharon. *Ruby Holler*.

Macaulay, David. *Angelo*.

Recorvitz, Helen. *Where Heroes Hide*.

Dropped in December

Alvarez, Julia. *Before We Were Free*.

Banks, Kate. *Dillon Dillon*.

Haas, Jessie. *Shaper*.

Hiassen, Carl. *Hoot*.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. *How I Became a Writer and Oggie Learned to Drive*.

Wells, Rosemary. *Wingwalker*.